Ludhiana and Ferozpur. District-wise details of projects sanctioned is given in the Statement enclosed.

Statement

District-wise details of Projects Sanctioned

Name of State	No. of Distt	Name of District	Year of Sanction	Project Cost (in lakhs)	Approved Share (Rs. in lakhs)			Amount. Released of the Central Share
					Central	State	Bene-ficiaries	
PUNJAB								
	1.	Bhatinda	2001	487.79	314.17	106.40	67.22	94.25
	2.	Moga	2001	365.31	229.39	81.26	54.66	68.82
	3.	Muktsar	2001	365.14	244.49	73.04	47.61	73.35
	4.	Patiala	2002	304	165.2	80.80	58.00	16.52
	5.	Sangrur	2002	863.53	361.48	246.56	255.49	36.15
	6.	Amritsar	2003	1343.42	700.91	376.18	266.33	210.27
	7.	Faridkot	2003	169.06	89	47.98	32.08	26.70
	8.	Sahib	2003	133.5	81.32	35.03	17.15	24.40
	9.	Gurdaspur	2003	640.57	289.58	176.69	174.30	86.87
	10.	Hoshiarpur	2003	365.6	206.63	97.96	61.01	61.99
	11.	Jalandhar	2003	559.95	305.03	151.78	103.14	91.51
	12.	Kapurthala	2003	281.39	144.34	76.83	60.22	43.30
	13.	Shehar	2003	184.44	100.49	48.40	35.55	30.15
	14.	Roop Nagar	2003	519.54	315.83	139.87	63.84	94.75
	15.	Ferozepur*	2004					10.00
	16.	Ludhiana*	2004					10.00
	17.	Mansa*	2004					10.00
STATE Total:				6583.24	3547.86	1738.78	1296.60	989.03

*An amount of Rs. 10.00 lakhs released to three districts (Ferozepur, Ludhiana & Mansa) for Base Line Survey & preparation of Project Report

Shortage of water in Vidarbha Region of Maharashtra

3061. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is acute water shortage in Vidarbha Region of Maharashtra and particularly in more than 500 villages in Wardha district;

(b) whether this problem of water shortage may turn worse during the coming summer;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Union Government to improve the situation of water supply thereon war footing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) to (d)As per the Memorandum submitted by Government of Maharashtra to the Government of India, a drought situation has been reported in various parts of Maharashtra including Wardha district of Vidarbha region. As reported by Maharashtra Government, 312 villages/wadies in Wardha district are likely to be affected during the coming summer by drinking water scarcity for which action plans for the period October, 2004 to June, 2005 has been prepared. Based on the Memorandum submitted by the Maharashtra Government, an Inter-Ministerial team has visited Maharashtra during 12-15 April, 2005 to assess the drought situation including water scarcity problems. The report of the team will be considered by the Inter-Ministerial Group and the High Level Committee for any additional central assistance.

Report of Planning Commission on bio-fuel

3062. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Rural Development has been assigned the job to act as the nodal agency for processing the Planning Commission report on bio-fuel;

(b) whether it is also a fact that TERI, New Delhi was assigned the job of preparing a final report on the subject by January, 2005;

(c) if so, whether the report from TERI has since been received by the Government; if not, what are the reasons for the delay and by when report is likely to be received by the Government;

(d) whether Government propose to offer any incentive to the grower of bio-fuel plans (jatropha); and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?